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SW News 1

SCANDANAVIA

Radio Benelux, formerly active on 6265 khz. was logged using 6235 khz. at 11.25 BST on May 15th. Reception of this broadcast was fair throughout Britain and Germany.

During the mainly English broadcast, progressive music was played. An address was also announced for the first time: P.O. Box 41, Dedemsvaart, Holland. Reception reports are verified with a QSL Card, on condition that details of three records are given or a recording provided. Either of these must be accompanied with three i.r.c.'s. The output power is 150 watts.

Radio Omega has been logged using 6276 khz. on 15th, 22nd and 29th. May. These loggings have all been made between 10.0 and 11.0 BST. The programming is mainly in Swedish, and on one occasion a female deejay has been heard presenting an oldies programme.

The transmitter is home-made and has an input of 75 watts. The aerial is a dipole, running south-north. Reception reports are promptly verified with an attractive QSL Card and information, if sent to Haartstrasse 62, 4300 Essen II, West Germany.

Details of two proposed stations: Radio Viking hope to commence regular broadcasts with 50 watts from September. The power will be 50 watts and the address, Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Radio Teknum plan transmissions on 6226 khz. using the address as follows: Gamla Norrvagen 67, 35243 Vaxjo, Sweden.

Radio Diana, logged using 6280 khz. during April and May now has a mailing address. It is S. Biixt, Poste Restante, S-58001 Linköping, Sweden.

Programmes have previously lasted two hours and were presented in English and German. Another interesting feature were some impressive station jingles.

Radio Snoopy International was heard between 11.0 and 11.40 BST in Denmark on 30th. May, using 6225 khz.

This mainly Soul station verifies all reports with a QSL Card. The mailing address is c/o P.O. Box 50, Oude Pekela, Holland.

Swedish station Radio Sombrero is currently reported to be obtaining a new transmitter. The station was logged on several occasions last year throughout Europe with Latin American music. Their first broadcast went out on 29th. August 1976.

The frequency is 6202 khz. and the power 75 watts. Reports will be verified with a QSL Card. The address is P.O. Box 46, n-6650 Surnadal, Norway.

Radio Sylvania was heard in Scotland on May 22nd. at 10.41 BST with broadcasts on 6237 khz. in Finnish. Unfortunately reception was very poor.

Sylvania has also been logged on 6205 khz. with Soul programmes presented by a deejay called Daniel. The power is 150 watts and the address-P.O. Box 50, Oude Pekela, Holland.

Swinging Radio Amnesty has reportedly re-commenced transmissions after a long absence from the band. Broadcasts used to be made every Sunday with an output of 15 watts on 6232 khz. Despite this low power, the station claim to be the first Swedish pirate logged in England: logged in fact by FRW's editor! Reports are verified with a QSL Sheet if sent to P.O. Box 46, n-6650 Surnadal, Norway.

WEST GERMANY

Tower Radio has been heard fairly regularly on 6265,6240 and now on their new channel of 6215 khz.The station plan to broadcast every second sunday of the month,following this schedule:10-11 Dave Caine,11-12 Roger St. John with Mailbag & 'DX' News,12-1 Freddy Archer.

The station uses 100 watts,which is fed into a longwire aerial.Plans are also underway to make transmissions on the 75 metre band.These tests should be on Saturday nights from 24.00 CET.

Chief DJ' Roger St. John should be familiar to all ABC England listeners.He was the original founder of the station,when they were using only 7 watts ! Tower's new mailing address is c/o 13 The Chase,Crawley,Sussex.

Radio Europe Int,heard using 6240 on May 8th,proved to be the test name for ABC Germany.ABC made their first official broadcast from 10.30 BST on June 12th.The power was 125 watts,from a home-made transmitter.This was fed into a marconi aerial.

The studio equipment consists of the following:Decks-3 turntables(Braun PS 500, Lenco L 78 and a Dual I229).Taperecorders-2professional Revox recorders for the playing and recording of jingles.One Telefunken M 242 and one old Grundig TK 27 for recording the programmes.Mixers-one 6-channel stereo-mixer from Dynacord and one 3-channel Telefunken stereo-mixer.Microphones-2 Sennheiser microphones.

The two deejays are Dino Parker and Kenny Jones.They present programmes in mainly German and English.The mailing address is c/o Dino Parker,Veilchenstrasse 3 a,D-4432 Gronau,West Germany.

Radio Northsea Int. has been heard on 22nd & 29th. May and 5th & 26th. June,using 6256 khz.All broadcasts have been received with good strength,seemingly due to their claimed 2 KW transmitter.

Broadcasts start at 08.00 GMT and are presented by James Harding and occasionally Paul Raven.Reports are verified with a QSL Sheet and information.The address is PO.Box 41,Dedemsvaart,Holland.

On 22nd. May two Radio Atlantis' were heard with different but parallel broadcasts. The first station was heard in Germany on 6240 at 09.42 GMT and announced the IBA address at PO.Box 512,D-4440 Rheine,West Germany.

The other station was heard on 6220 from 09.55 onwards with a stronger signal, but playing only non-stop music with Radio Atlantis jingles every fifteen minutes.

Freak Radio broadcast a special Dutch Pirate Top 100 on 29th. May.The transmission was logged between 13.00 BST and 19.05 BST on 6225 khz.

The idea for the Top 100 came from an Amsterdam pirate.This year they decided to compile their second chart in conjunction with the Free Radio Magazine.A special programme was produced and broadcast by various stations on MW,FM and SW.

Reports for any of these transmissions should be sent to the Free Radio Magazine, PO.Box 10252,Amsterdam,Holland.Reporters will receive a copy of the chart and a special sticker.Incidentally,number one was "Child in Time" by Deep Purple.

Radio Partisan was heard on two occasions since FRW 4,on 6250 khz.Broadcasts are from 10.00 BST to 11.00 BST.Recently,interference has been caused by R.N.I

The power used is 120 watts and we understand that QSL Cards are now available. The address is PO.Box 41,Dedemsvaart,Holland.

Radio Channel 202 were logged briefly on 15th. May using 6225 khz.A QSL is available from PO.Box 512,D-4440 Rheine,West Germany.However,allow six months for delivery !

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S O U T H E R N I R E L A N D

The Dublin FM/MW station Premier Atlantis Radio hope to relay broadcasts on 6218 khz. in the near future. Station deejays are Jimmy St. Ledger, Mister Mac and Johnny Day. The format is basically Top Fifty, intermixed with LP tracks and oldies.

Studio equipment consists of 2 Garrard Mk. 5 decks, full mixing facilities with automatic faders. More news on PAR appears in FRC-Ireland's "Newsletter".

Radio Valleri can be heard most Sundays from 10.00 BST on 6202 khz. Reception is usually fair-good, and programmes are of a very high standard.

Deejays are Derek Jones and Mike Anderson, the power is 40 watts. Reception reports should be sent c/o I34 Eastworth Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8DT.

E N G L A N D

Radio Sunshine International can be heard every Sunday between 11.00 BST and 12.00 BST on 6235 khz. Formerly, broadcasts were made simultaneously on 199 metres MW with 17 watts. For the time being these have been terminated.

Currently the station is testing on 9360 khz, 31 metres and have also announced transmissions on 95.0 MHz VHF.

Sunshine transmits from Greater London: with 90 watts, feeding into a 100 ft. longwire, 15 ft. above the ground. The main DJ is Johnnie Drake.

Reports are verified with an attractive QSL Card and sticker. The address is c/o Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

ABC England were forced to use the new frequency of 6220 khz. for their 5th. June broadcast. The move was made to reduce interference caused by morse jamming. The origins of this is not certain, but ABC believe it is originating from official sources.

Transmissions should be back on 6270 khz. this month, depending on interference conditions. The mailing address for ABC England is 42 Arran Close, Cambridge, England.

Radio Zodiac International made use of recent good band conditions to make an un-scheduled broadcast on May 22nd. using 6275 khz. Reception of the transmission was very good throughout Europe. Programming consisted of various pop music presented by Martin Allen.

R.Z.I hope to start mobile transmissions during the summer on 6220, 6235 or 6275 khz. The power will be 17 watts. Reports are verified with a nice QSL Card, letter and information. Address is I3, The Chase, Crawley, Sussex, England.

Britain Radio International returned on June 12th & 26th. on 6220 khz. and 6225 khz. Reception was good for both of these transmissions, and the power was 50 watts.

Reports sent to Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Nottinghamshire will be verified with a QSL Card.

European Music Radio have maintained their regular schedule, also making an extra broadcast on 22nd. May to compensate for technical troubles the week before. The next broadcast on 19th. June was jammed by Radio Verona who made a totally un-scheduled broadcast.

Station DJ's are Roger Tate, Barry Stephens and Steve Leonards. Other features are a German DX Show and a Landbased Free Radio programme.

The frequency used is 6265 khz. and the power is 50 watts. Reports sent c/o Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Notts will be verified with a QSL Card.

Activity on 6.6 Mhz has re-started from the "Echo Charlie Band", a QSO network.

ENGLAND

Maniac Radio will now only broadcast once a month on 6240 khz. The station has been heard recently on 29th. May and 12th. June. The power is still 150 watts.

Reports should be sent c/o Mr. E. Ryan, Thrifts Hall Farm, Theydon Bois, Essex.

Skyport Radio has been heard most weeks on or around 6260 khz. between 12.00 and 2.00 BST. The schedule is 12-1 Mark King and 1-2 Rob Holland. The power used is 15 watts.

Reports are verified with a nice QSL and information. Postcard size photos are also available. The address is 134 Eastworth Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8DT.

Radio Gemini was logged from 11.00 to 12.00 BST on June 19th. using 6238 khz. The address is 6 Farm Way, Bushey, Watford, Hertfordshire.

Radio Corsair can now be heard weekly on 6260 khz. before Skyport Radio. The programmes, presented by Roger Stevans, are very good. They feature mainly progressive music. They also request deejays to send them any programmes suitable for broadcasting.

The address is 134 Eastworth Road, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 8DT.

Radio Solent City was heard on 29th. May and 5th. June on 6280 khz. The station is using a newly constructed 70 watt rig. QSL's, stickers and information are available from Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

HOLLAND

Time Radio were heard with a rare broadcast on 26th. June. They were first logged at 10.30 BST and then irregularly throughout the morning. Interference was caused by band noise and Radio Sunshine International.

Reports are verified with stickers, information and an excellent QSL Card. The address is P.O. Box 2061, Eindhoven, Holland.

Radio Verona was heard on June 12th, using 6270 khz, with an ex-Radio Skyline DJ. Due to this, programming has greatly improved. Verona's address is P.O. Box 81, NL-7680 AB, Vroomshoop, Holland.

Radio Rastafari, "The Voice of Zion", hopes to commence short-wave transmissions on 202.5 khz, as soon as their short-wave transmitter is finished. Broadcasts are also being made on 207.8 metres (1450 khz) with 10 watts and on 103 Mhz. FM with 30 watts.

A QSL Sheet and mini-poster of reggae singer Bob Marley, is available from either 134 Eastworth Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8DT, or P.O. Box 278 Zutphen, Holland.

Country of origin unknown !!

Wonderful Radio Lucky Star (W.R.L.S) were logged for only the second time on approx. 6275 khz. with 60 watts. They were heard here in Sevenoaks at 11.55 BST on 26th. June.

The programming was very americanised, as was the deejay. Programmes have also been heard on 192 metres with 150 watts, late at night. Reports are verified with a very colourful QSL Card. The address is 13 The Chase, Crawley, Sussex.

Action Radio plans to broadcast every first Sunday of the month from 10.00 to 12.00 in English. Frequencies will be 6225 khz. and 6235 khz.

Reception reports will be verified with a QSL Card and stickers. The address is P.O. Box 41, Dedemsvaart, Holland.

Hall Town Music Radio c/o 115 Coulsdon Road, Caterham, Surrey will be on 6265 khz. shortly. Another station hoping to start regular broadcasts is Lord Radio. Transmissions will be on 6250 khz. with 10 watts.

Further information on both will be appreciated.

Offshore Radio Tapes

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Radio Valentine Story *6250*

Radio Valentine is arguably one of Europe's best short-wave stations. Broadcasts started in December 1973. Spasmodic transmissions were made with 10 watts on 1178 khz. At the time programme quality was extremely poor and without variation. In September 1974 two Disco DJ's Hardy and Wolfgang Brandes joined and more professional broadcasts began to be made on 227 metres. Monthly transmissions followed, but still Valentine met with very little listener response. Therefore the transmitter was rebuilt and the power increased to 30 watts. 1196 khz. was chosen as the frequency and the famous "Offenburg" address was used for the first time.

This new style brought about a complete change, and a steady listenership of devotees tuned to the station's cheerful transmissions which were to be found next to Radio Mi Amigo. With this new-found popularity the threat of GPO activity increased. Due to this, mobile transmissions began during February 1975.

In March that year a short-wave transmitter became available and it was decided to experiment with simultaneous transmissions on both bands. After a few tests this was found to be technically inefficient and a decision had to be made as to which service would be dropped.

"All Star Radio" was the name chosen for a series of test broadcasts on 6230 khz. These proved very successful and it was therefore decided to start regular 48 m.b transmissions under the original name of Radio Valentine. At that time the short-wave transmitter had an output of 50 watts, but before the station closed the power was increased to a 'claimed' 1 KW, in reality 225 watts. Transmissions went out in English, Dutch and German between 11.00 and 16.00, on every first Sunday of the month.

After many successful transmissions Radio Valentine decided to seek publicity. For this reason it was announced that broadcasts were being made offshore from a boat—the MS Amsterdam ! It was also said that a 1 KW t.x had been installed as well as a studio from which live broadcasts were to be made.

However these claims soon faded when taped programmes started to run fast and long delays were incurred during the switching over of tapes. These were not the only troubles. The transmitter developed faults which resulted in broadcasts being heard on 6210 and 6290 as well as their announced frequency of 6250 khz.

However the end of the road was growing near. An attempted raid forced an early closedown on 7th. November after warnings from station lookouts that the GPO were in the area. On 5th. December broadcasts resumed, but these were again forced to close by another, this time successful raid. All the stations valuable equipment was lost, including a studio belonging to DJ Johnnie O'Brian, valued at 10,000 Deutschmarks (£ 2,500). The final transmission was made during the following month on 6265 khz. During this broadcast, listeners were thanked for their loyal support throughout Valentine's long history. It was said they hoped to become legal and return with a new callsign in the future.

Valentine was back in the news recently, when rumours spread saying that transmissions would be made through Radio Andorra, as had their predecessors World Music Radio several months earlier.

The latest accurate news we have is from chief-DJ Johnnie O'Brian himself. In a letter to our reporter he said that the station hopes to return shortly. It is being planned to broadcast daily from 5.00 am until 7.00 pm with programming in three major European languages. The power will also be increased to a kilowatt. Johnnie added that for obvious reasons he was unable to give the location but hinted it would surprise many people.

What the exact plans are we do not know, but we can only hope that Radio Valentine will return to the air !

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 (Radio Valentine Story continued).

Former programme schedule:

II.00-12.00 The Johnnie O'Brian Show (English & German).
 12.00-12.45 Hardy's Mailbox (German & English).
 12.45-13.30 Paul Hunter's DX Programme (German).
 13.30-14.15 Wolfgang Brandes' Music Machine (German).
 14.15-15.00 Hardy's Top Ten.
 15.00-15.30 "Sally" with the French Service.

Reception reports: Over 800 reports have been received over the past years from: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, East and West Germany, Holland, Belgium, Great Britain, Ireland, France, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Channel Islands and even Panama, although these are thought to be incorrect.

Studio equipment was: Three studios which were equipped with Lenco turntables, Uher and Grundig tape recorders, Spotmaster professional jingle machines, echo set and dynamic compressor.

All equipment was self-operated by the DJ's, and programmes all pre-recorded.

It is hoped to print further details on Valentine's new plans, elsewhere in F.R.W.

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Frw/ Frf 1977 Poll Results

BEST STATION RESULTS:

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|-----|--------------------|--------|
| I) | ABC ENGLAND | 26pts. |
| 2) | R.Valentine | 16½ |
| 3) | R.Jackie | 13 |
| 4) | London Music R. | 5 |
| | R.Invicta. | 5 |
| 6) | European Music R. | 4 |
| | Britain R. | 4 |
| | R.Lucky Star | 4 |
| | R.Telstar South | 4 |
| 10) | R.Valleri | 3½ |
| 11) | Channel 292 | 3 |
| | Kent North Radio | 3 |
| 13) | R.Gloria(W.G) | 2 |
| | Time R. Int. | 2 |
| | Westside R. Int. | 2 |
| | R.Solent City Int. | 2 |
| 17) | R.Free Midlands | I |
| | R.Gemini | I |
| | R.Sylvania | I |

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BEST QSL CARD: TIME R. INT'

WORST STATION: R.BLACK SHADOW.

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BEST PROGRAMMES RESULTS:

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| I) | ABC ENGLAND | 15pts. |
| | RADIO JACKIE | 15pts. |
| 3) | R.Valentine | 10 |
| 4) | R.Solent City Int. | 7 |
| 5) | R.Invicta | 6 |
| 6) | European Music R. | 5 |
| | R.Valleri | 5 |
| 8) | R.Concord Int. | 4 |
| | R.Telstar South | 4 |
| 10) | Channel 292 | 3 |
| | R.Gloria(W.G) | 3 |
| | R.Lucky Star | 3 |
| | R.Maniac | 3 |
| | Kent North R. | 3 |
| | Time R. Int. | 3 |
| | London Music R. | 3 |
| 17) | Britain R. | 2 |
| | R.Sunshine(W.G) | 2 |
| | R.Sylvania | 2 |
| 20) | Etick R. | I |
| | R.Free Midlands | I |
| | R.Snoopy Int. | I |
| | R.Northsea Int. | I |

Well done to the winners, and our thanks to those who voted. For full details of the other sections, see "Free Radio Focus", 15p + SAE from I3 The Chase, Crawley, Sussex.

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 "AIR" Number 2 is out now and includes: A feature on Irish Radio, campaign and Free Radio News, the story of Radio Caroline North, and other interesting features and news. This lavish publication costs 40p. + large s.a.e or 5 IRC's from: FRC-Scotland, NBPS, 52 st. Enoch Square, Glasgow G1 4AA, Scotland.

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That dear lady, who probably has the nicest smile in the land, had her Silver Jubilee approaching, so the least we could do was celebrate in one of the two ways we know how (no, not drinking) by broadcasting!

It may seem hard to believe, but the idea arose only a week before the Jubilee in the most unlikely (or in our case THE most likely) a pub! After a few pints and thirty or so minutes later, we decided upon a name for the station - JUBILEE SOUNDS, corny eh!

During the remaining days leading up to the broadcast, both Steve the engineer & myself spent endless hours repairing the transmitters which were both in a decrepid state, not having been used for some time.

Eventually the big day arrived, at about 9 am I saw the FM antenna, which had been blown back and forth in the strong winds the night before. If anyone or anything felt like a trip to the doctor it was certainly that aerial.

I'm glad to say that apart from a few intermittent breaks early in the morning, the FM transmissions ran quite smoothly. The medium-wave on the other hand seemed to be cursed by Mr. Gotts!

We had various technical troubles, an attack by vandals and awful weather apart from a regular ailment (in my case) lack of sleep the night before and an awful hangover! Eventually it was decided to switch the medium-wave off as it was causing more trouble than it was worth.

One very noticeable thing about the broadcast was that even though the audience response wasn't great, most of it was through the FM part of the transmission, in fact 90% This has prompted us to seriously consider starting FM broadcasts on a regular basis, perhaps monthly or even weekly.

If you are willing to give up a few hours a week to join the station (It's beginning to sound like Caroline already aaaagh!) then please don't hesitate to write to our address below.

Of course the broadcasts (IF they come) will be high quality and of a very high professional standard, after all we became respectable citizens on Monday June 7th. 1977,

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BRIGHTON AREA FREE RADIO NEWS:

On Jubilee Day, another special broadcast was made, this time by Jubilee Radio on 227 metres MW and 97.0 MHz FM. Broadcasts were first logged at 9.30 am and programmes continued well past 18.00. Shows were very professional, contained adverts, celebration news and a special "Jubilee Juke-Box 25". Dee jays included Geoff Allen, Peter Sorrenson, Mike Stuart and Mark Richards.

33 Ardingly Drive, Worthing, Sussex was the mailing address announced.

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Valentine Latest

Radio Valentine was raided at aprox. 11.30 GMT on 5th. December 1976 by the German PTT. It was ironic that this took place on their third birthday !

Since an earlier raid on Radio Gloria International, the Valentine crew were all well aware of the danger involved, and therefore they introduced a security system similar to that of ABC England. This however failed because the PTT officials were approaching in a seemingly 'civilian' limousine at first. The four tracking cars also carried out their observations from a safe distance. All the Valentine staff escaped even though the roads were immediately closed by local police. The transmitter gear was later found by German PTT, but confiscated by the Belgian police, much to their surprise.

Ironically Johnnie O'Brian's studio gear worth £ 2,500 was confiscated, although the programmes were not being broadcast live.

Valentine made their final broadcast on the 2nd. January 1977 on 6265 khz. between 09.30 and 11.00 GMT. The signal suffered as a lower power 30 watt tx. with poor modulation was being used.

After this forced closure, plans were put into action so that RVI could return to the air on a legal basis. The future is still uncertain as negotiations have not been concluded. The station hopes to begin again on medium-wave, short-wave and possibly FM too !

The short-wave transmissions will be on the 48 metre band and the output to be used will be 1 KW. As soon as the station proves successful on the most important medium-wave band, powers will be increased continually.

Johnnie O'Brian reckons that the station will not be able to start before Spring 1978. Broadcasts will take place daily from either 05.00 or 06.00 until 19.00 or 20.00 and possibly from 00.00 onwards. Programmes are being planned in English, German and Dutch.

Johnnie can't really reveal the country in which they will be located—that will be a big surprise ! At present a disco run by Hardy and Wolfgang Brandes is giving part of the necessary backing.

A word on studio equipment: Studio one has been rebuilt at Johnnie's home. He has a 10 channel mixer as well as record decks, spotmasters etc. Studio three is at the Disco and is of a professional standard.

I'm sure everyone will join me in wishing the Valentine crew the very best and all success for their project. We all look forward to hearing them on the radio waves !

Finally, my thanks to Johnnie for all this interesting information which was really appreciated. You can still write to Radio Valentine, enclosing return postage, at Code 41, P.O. Box 1823, D-7600 Offenburg, West Germany.

Ian Biggar.

H A M P S H I R E F R E E R A D I O N E W S :

A new station called "Free Hampshire Radio" was heard in Southampton on 25/5/77 at aprox. 4.00 PM. The transmission was being made on Radio Caroline's old frequency of 259 metres, 1187 khz. The modulation was superb on both speech and records, although the power was believed to have been in the region of 10-15 watts.

The format consisted of mainly Judge Dread records. "Free Hampshire Radio" jingles were also aired. The deejay staff consisted of only two females.

Broadcasts were terminated at 6.00 PM. No address or phone number was given out.

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ABC ENGLAND PHOTOS: 3 views of studio & DJ's: Send a blank 60p. PO to 42 Arran Close, Cambridge, England.

Free Radio Waves, Flagstones, West Heath Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1TA, ENGLAND.....

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Issue Six out in September. 15p + SAE or 2 I.R.C.'s.

Dutch M.U.U News

Cartwright Radio was heard on 7/8, 5.77 at about midnight on 227 metres. The power was 1 KW and the antenna was a longwire, 28 metres long and 18 metres high.

The station verifies with an attractive red QSL Card. The mailing address is c/o H. Geertsema, Nieuweweg 25, Bellingwolde, Holland.

Radio Merel was heard at 00.55 GMT on 12th. June with Rock 'n Roll Music. The address is PO. Box 25, Emmercompascuum, Holland.

Vrije Radio Prins Carnaval was heard around midnight on 227 metres with a good signal in Germany. The station uses a self-built transmitter with an output of 1 KW.

Reports sent c/o B. Prijt, Multatulistraat 180, Gronigen, Holland.

Radio Teddy Bear has been heard on 3/4, 14/5 and Saturday 4th. June on 227 metres, at about midnight. Programming consists of records announced in Dutch, and English. The station has been logged with fair strength in Germany and Scotland.

The antenna is a 30 metre longwire, 15 metres high. Reception reports are verified with a QSL sheet and a nice sticker. The address is PO. Box 77, Raalte, Holland.

Radio Moonlight was logged in Scotland on Saturday 11th. June for a total of three hours. The signal was described as very good and announcements were made in Dutch, English and German. The frequency used was 225 metres, 1331 khz.

Mailing address is PO. Box 25, Emmercompascuum, Holland.

Black Shadow Radio has been heard transmitting on 1200 khz, approx. 250 metres. Reception was fair. The address is PO. Box 77, Raalte, Holland.

Tom Cat Radio was heard on Sunday 15th. May using 1331 khz. Announcements were made in Dutch, English and German. Reception was fair despite over-modulation.

A QSL Card, letter and stickers are available from PO. Box 47, Oude Pekela, Holland.

Radio Hawaii was logged again on Saturday 4th. June at midnight on 1322 khz.

Reception was described as very good. Hawaii uses 1 KW. and verifies reports with an attractive QSL Card and sticker.

The mailing address is PO. Box 25, Emmercompascuum, Holland.

RADIO DUBLIN

RADIO DUBLIN has recently received more publicity in the Irish Press. This includes another mention in the "Evening Echo", a leading national newspaper. The following was printed on 16th. June 1977:

"Tune in any Sunday afternoon on 253 medium-wave to Big D, Radio Dublin. It's a pirate radio station which plays some great sounds. Of late the P and T * have been giving them some problems".

* Irish Post and Telegraphs.

A fuller report on Irish pirate radio will be printed in Free Radio Waves Issue Six.

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LATEST NEWS...LATEST NEWS...LATEST NEWS...LATEST NEWS...LATEST NEWS...LATEST NEWS...LATEST
The Sound Of Sweden now have their own 15 watt tx.Until recently,all transmissions were
 relayed by other stations in Sweden,West Germany and Holland.Deejays include Jeff Anderson,
 Glenn Roberts and Martin Swede.A QSL,sticker and information sheet verify reports sen't to
 40 Robinson Road,London SW17.

F.R.F inform us that Downtown R. have changed their name to Weekend Music Radio 222.W.M.R broadcasts on Sundays at 08.00 - 11.00 local time.DJ's are Mark Boland,Dave Christian & Steve Jacobs.TX power is between 20 and 60 watts.The mailing address is 13 the Chase, Crawley,Sussex.QSL's are sent out for correct reception reports.

Radio Northsea Int. have announced that a new 5 KW tx will be used on 48 metres. The current 2 KW rig will be used for their proposed 31 metre band service.

On July 3rd Radio Iris was heard with a programme from Bob Noakes and Graham Gill on 6210 khz. The 1½ programme was heard with good strength. Mailing address is P.O. Box 2036, Amsterdam. "Call Mall" was heard in Surrey on 11,000 khz, 25 metres. They were logged from 19.00 to 19.55 on 6th. June. They said broadcasts were made every week. Reception was fairly good.

Radio Dynamite have been heard recently using 22 watts, fed into a $\frac{1}{2}$ wave dipole. The station made their first tests last year in Scandinavia, using the FRL address. Broadcasts are currently made from Germany. The station deejay is currently Stevie Garrett. The address is 13 The Chase, Crawley, Sussex.

Radio Mammuth (=Mammoth) was heard in West Germany on 3rd. July at 09.00 GMT on 6200 khz. The Dutch station Radio Dark Horse has been reported on 6210 khz. by the DDXLK. This new station was heard on 22nd. May between 14.22 and about 14.25.

Unidentified: A Dutch station was heard on 17th. July between 9.00 and 10.00 GMT on 6280 khz. Reception was fair, but a positive identification was not possible due to poor speech quality. Further information will be welcomed.

CALLING EUROPEAN C. B'ERS.

Here in Britain the Citizen Band is illegal, and only used by a few dedicated clandestine operators. Despite this interest, magazines, news, equipment and contacts are very hard to obtain. Therefore any news and publications from Europe would be gratefully received, as would any equipment, which will be paid for.

If you can help please write to operator Gary Stevans, c/o Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Nottinghamshire, England or talk to him on 27 MHz !

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 "SOUNDS FROM THE CITY"-LONDON AND AREA FREE RADIO NEWS.
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SUN RADIO made a special broadcast between 20.00 and 21.00 on 92.8 MHz. VHF on Sunday, 5th. June. The broadcast was made in stereo. Sun transmits every Bank Holiday, and their mailing address is 62 Westgate Road, South Norwood, London SE 25 4LZ.

RADIO TELSTAR SOUTH was also heard over the Bank Holiday on Monday June 6th. A special medium-wave transmitter was tuned to 222 metres and programmes were put out from 10.00 to 11.45. These terminated early when a radio ham ripped out the aerial! DJ's on the broadcast were Kid Johnson and Horace Cracksman. RTS are also heard every Sunday from 7.00pm to 8.00pm on 92.8 MHz.

RADIO FREE WEYBRIDGE is a new station heard on 6th. June. They were broadcasting from 15.43 with a short transmission on 227 metres. Reception in Claygate, Surrey was described as fair.

RADIO INVICTA made their final transmission for the time being on Sunday 5th. June on 92.4 MHz. VHF. They opened at 12.00 and closed at 18.00. Broadcasts resumed at 22.00 with a closedown at 02.00. They said that they had been campaigning for a Soul programme on Radio 1. As the BBC now had one with Robbie Vincent, they are to suspend broadcasts. However chief-DJ Roger Tate says that if the show is dropped, Invicta will be back at Bank Holidays.

RADIO KENT has decided to cease scheduled broadcasts due to GPO activity throughout the area. Transmissions will therefore be un-announced and irregular. The mailing address is Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

East London Radio now has a new programme schedule reproduced below:

Ist. Week

11.00-12.00 Roger Davis (Sweet Music Show).
 12.00-13.00 Paul Jones (Oldies)
 13.00-14.00 Gary Lincoln (Top Forty)
 14.00-15.00 Kieth Layton (Rock Show)
 15.00-16.00 Nevada Smith*
 10 minute break for Community news show.

2nd. Week

11.00-12.00 Norman Spencer (Sweet Music).
 12.00-13.00 Steve Anthony (Oldies)
 13.00-14.00 Miss Dela Wier (Top Forty).
 14.00-15.00 Ivor Biggen (Rock Show).
 15.00-16.00 Red Barron (Oldies Show).

Broadcasts from 11.00 to 15.00 are on 201 metres and from 15.00 to 16.00 on 235 metres.
LONDON MUSIC RADIO

LMR have recently started their summer programmes which features new deejays Chris Eliot, Rob Lancing and Andy Ayres. Chris began broadcasting on Radio Jackie in 1973 and made a name for himself because of his hilarious 'Cats Whisker' Programme with the Black Printz. Later he started Radio Sutch with the Printz, concentrating on the Disco scene after Sutch's closure.

Rob Lancing joined LMR a while ago, but was forced to stop his programme until recently. Andy Ayres is the only new name, he came from a hospital radio station. LMR say that they are always on the lookout for new staff, and applications and audition tapes should be sent to LMR c/o 19 Newport Court, London WC2.

On the subject of Radio Sutch, Record Mirror reports that Screaming Lord Sutch (the pioneer of Radio Sutch from Shivering Sands) will be at the Flashback 67' convention. It is also planned to make a special broadcast in the London area on MW & FM.

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NORTHERN FREE RADIO ISSUE THREE-Short Review: The new look NFIRM is extremely interesting and well produced. Coverage centres mainly on Caroline with some very interesting articles on the future and present state of broadcasting.

Apart from an article from yours truly, there is a very interesting and exclusive interview with Tony Blackburn, the RNI Latest and other exclusive articles.

So for a general coverage magazine, buy NFIRM. It has 20 pages and costs only 20p. + SAE from 20 Willow Chase, Long Newton, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

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 BLP will be producing a British Pirate List in August. So, send a 5p coin + SAE to BLP, 10 Pembroke Road, Mitcham, Surrey.

*PLEASE MENTION "FREE RADIO WAVES" FOR PROMPT ATTENTION WHEN REPLYING TO ADVERTS.....
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AN ARTICLE ON RADIO JACKIE FROM "RECORD MIRROR"

Jackie — the lady of the woods

IT'S A sunny summer Sunday morning and somewhere in South London the busy main road traffic drives by oblivious of what's going on in a nearby clump of bushes.

No, it's not that, but something equally naughty — Radio Jackie, Britain's longest surviving land based radio pirate takes to the air again.

For the past eight years they've broadcast most Sundays and this one goes without a hitch and there is no visit from the Post Office officials who occasionally come along to try and close the station down again.

There have been many raids on Jackie and station operatives have been heavily fined, imprisoned in one case, and had their transmitting gear confiscated time after time, yet still it continues.

For seven hours their DJs put put a bright Top

40 format linked with professional chit chat and DJs, in a manner reminiscent of the sixties offshore pop pirates.

They have one aim, to provide 'local' radio, ie they believe each area is capable of having its very own radio service to provide relevant up to the minute news and info and requests etc.

Some DJs have used the station to get experience before going on to established stations (though the Jackie staff don't like that sort), others on a personal ego trip and some are strictly summer jocks, who don't mind being a pirate in the warm weather but aren't too keen on sitting in the cold, damp woods in the winter.

But the majority are confirmed believers in what they are doing, fanatical to the point of giving up every Sunday to man the station, and most of the money for records and equipment and so on

comes out of their own pockets.

The set-up (known as a 'rig' to the radio bods), is remarkably simple. A cassette player with pre-recorded shows is connected up to a small transmitter, which uses a couple of car batteries for power. A wire from the transmitter goes up to the aerial, a length of wire strung between two trees. A qualified PO detector can spot the aerial from some distance and if one of the many station lookouts spots someone suspicious the station is easily disconnected and the pirates make a hasty retreat with the transmitter.

Shows are pre-recorded in Jackie's own studios and cassettes are changed every hour, on the hour. They operate from several ever changing sites South of London and have a range of up to 20 miles.

Jackie's first broadcast was in 1980 when on March 30 a two and a half hour programme went out beginning a saga that has come to play an important part in Britain's erratic free radio history.

The station use a medium wave transmitter at present, but at one time had a VHF service as well, but found that this didn't go down

too well with IBA stations.

Jackie made history by becoming the first radio station to be heard in the House of Commons when questions were asked about the station. The Hon members of Parliament were a bit uncertain about procedure when it came to playing music in the hallowed hall, but hear it they did.

Jackie has received considerable publicity in the press and features with many snippets on the many court cases involving the station and features in papers from The Escher Times, in a recent story in The Observer. Like all good radio stations they have all the usual merchandise — stickers, T-shirts and so on, plus associated discos.

They have no intention of closing down until their goal is reached — real local radio. Until that is achieved the pirates will broadcast every Sunday for seven hours and more if possible.

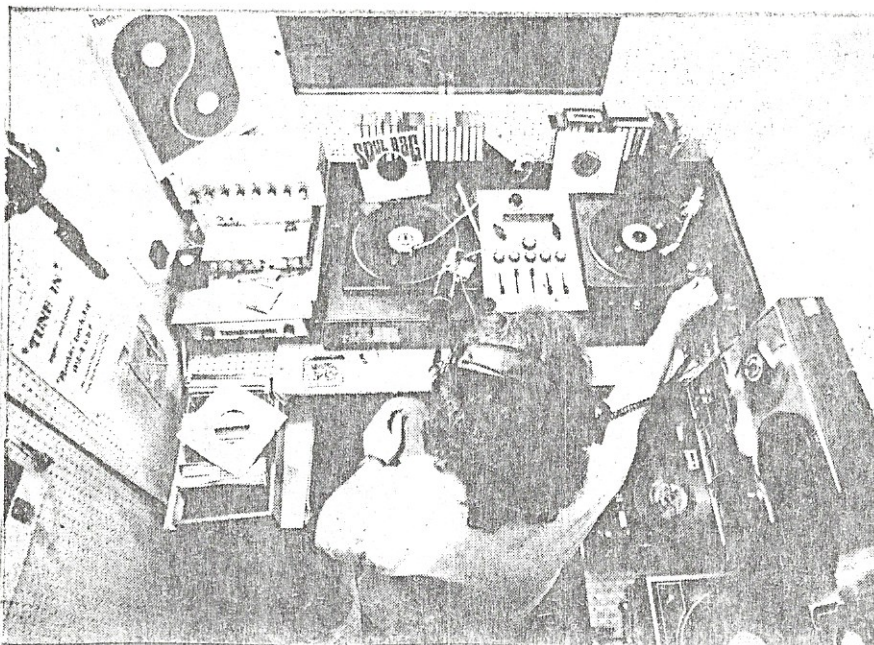
Surprisingly, one of their main problems is not, in fact, the visits from the PO man, but a more pressing problem is catching up with them — with the advancement of Dutch elm disease they're running out of trees to string their aerial from!

Going on the road

JUST DOWN the dial from Radio Jackie you'll find a newer addition to the capital's illegal broadcasters.

London Music Radio broadcasts for six hours every Sunday in the South East playing mainly pop interspersed with familiar jingles and news on the hour.

Latest DJs on the station are Andy Ayres and Rob Lancing. Former programme director Richard Thompson has left the station due to other commitments and his place has been filled by Cliff Osbourne, who now looks after programming in their new studios. Last month saw the launching of London Music Radio's own roadshow to support their summertime broadcasts.



RADIO INVICTA'S OLD STUDIO WITH DEEJAY ROGER TATE "ON AIR"



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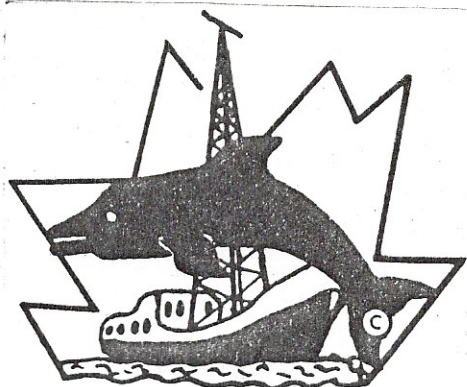
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